

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: THIBAUT et al.	)	Attorney Docket No. CPG 03-26 KF
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**STATEMENT OF ALEXANDRA B. URBAN**

Dear Sir:

I, Alexandra B. Urban, do hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a registered patent attorney, and prior to November 1, 2007 was an employee of MeadWestvaco Corporation, the assignee of the present application. During my employment with MeadWestvaco Corporation, I was directly involved with the filing of the subject application and attempts made to obtain the inventors' signatures on Declaration and Assignment documents therefor.
2. This Statement of Facts is made in support of Applicants' Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.497(b)(1) and 1.47(a) filed July 26, 2007 and the Renewed Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) being submitted concurrently herewith. This Statement is further made to set forth the facts relied upon to establish: (i) the refusal of inventor

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Richard Thibault and/or the unavailability of said inventor to execute an oath or declaration in connection with the above-referenced application, and (ii) the diligent efforts made to secure the execution of a declaration or oath by Mr. Thibault.

3. Unless otherwise noted, this Statement of Facts is based on the firsthand knowledge of the undersigned.

4. Richard Thibault is one of the three named inventors in the above-referenced application, which claims priority to International Application No. PCT/US2004/40970 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/528,043. Since the time of invention Mr. Thibault has ceased to be employed by MeadWestvaco Corporation, the Assignee of this application. A copy of the assignment of the subject application by Richard Mazurek and Jamie Shimizu to MeadWestvaco Corporation, and Notice of Recordation thereof were provided as Exhibit 1 in the Statement of Facts filed on July 26, 2007.

5. On July 3, 2006, Dana C. Copeland, paralegal for the Assignee, working at my direction, spoke with Mr. Thibault by telephone, and sent via United Parcel Service, Declaration, Power of Attorney, and Assignment documents to Mr. Thibault for review and execution. In the July 3, 2006 letter, it was requested that Mr. Thibault execute and return the papers, including the Declaration, to Assignee. An unsigned copy of the July 3, 2006 letter was enclosed as Exhibit 2 in the Statement of Facts filed on July 26, 2007.

6. In the absence of a response from Mr. Thibault to the July 3, 2006 letter, further calls were placed to Mr. Thibault, and a second letter was sent to Mr. Thibault via Certified U.S. Mail on July 17, 2006. An unexecuted copy of the July 17,

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2006 letter and a copy of the return receipt from that letter were enclosed as Exhibit 3 in the Statement of Facts filed on July 26, 2007.

7. On July 31, 2006, I sent, via Federal Express, a further letter to Mr. Thibault, calling attention to Mr. Thibault's obligation to assign any rights and execute documents relating to patent applications, under an employment agreement with Kearfold, Inc., which employment agreement was signed by Mr. Thibault on October 29, 1986. A copy of the July 31, 2006 letter, tracking data therefor, and Mr. Thibault's signed agreement, dated October 29, 1986 were enclosed as Exhibit 4 in the Statement of Facts filed on July 26, 2007.

8. Following continued lack of cooperation on the part of Mr. Thibault, on August 8, 2006, at my direction, John Irvine of Porter & Hedges, LLP sent yet another letter to Mr. Thibault via Federal Express, urging Mr. Thibault to sign the documents sent on July 3, 2006, again reminding Mr. Thibault of his obligation to sign such documents. A copy of the August 8, 2006 letter to Mr. Thibault and mailing label therefor were enclosed as Exhibit 5 in the Statement of Facts filed on July 26, 2007.

9. As a final attempt to urge Mr. Thibault to execute the required documents for the present application, on July 19, 2007 I sent a letter to Mr. Thibault by USPS Express Mail, requesting a response by July 25, 2007. In this mailing, a copy of the application as filed, a Declaration, a Power of Attorney form, and an Assignment were enclosed. A copy of the July 19, 2007 letter, the U.S.P.S. express mail label and tracking data indicating that Mr. Thibault did not pick up the package at the post office, were enclosed as Exhibit 6 in the Statement of Facts filed on July 26, 2007.

10. Tracking data for the July 19, 2007 letter to Mr. Thibault, printed on

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November 1, 2007 is attached hereto as **APPENDIX A**. These data indicate that the letter was forwarded from Broomall, PA to West Chester, PA, and that the letter was received on July 30, 2007. However, to date Mr. Thibault has not returned either a signed Declaration or Assignment document for the above-identified application.

11. On November 1, 2007, Michael J. Pollack, Patent Agent at Edwards, Angell, Palmer & Dodge, LLP, working on behalf of MeadWestvaco Corporation, placed a telephone call to the U.S. Post Office in Broomall, Pennsylvania. The U.S. Postal Service employee who answered the telephone responded that she would be unable to provide a forwarding address for Mr. Thibault due to privacy concerns.

12. On November 1, 2007, Michael J. Pollack, on behalf of MeadWestvaco Corporation, performed internet searches, using Yahoo's People Search feature (at <http://people.yahoo.com>), AT&T's online directory (at <http://www.anywho.com>), SuperPages online directory (at <http://find.person.superpages.com>), and Yellow Book online directory (at <http://www.yellowbook.com/search/findaperson>) in an attempt to find an address for Mr. Thibault in West Chester, Pennsylvania. No address for Mr. Thibault was found.

13. The undersigned respectfully submits that Mr. Thibault has been continually and consistently uncooperative over the prolonged period (July 2006 through July 2007) during which attempts were made to obtain his signature on Declaration and Assignment documents for the application referenced above.

14. Pursuant to Rule 1.47(a), the last known address of Mr. Thibault was:

Richard Thibault  
52 Sonia Lane  
Broomall, PA 19008

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15. The undersigned further declares that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 11-7-07Alexandra B. Urban

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- Notice Left, July 23, 2007, 1:43 pm, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380
- Notice Left, July 21, 2007, 1:55 pm, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380
- Processed, July 20, 2007, 9:43 pm, SOUTHEASTERN, PA 19399
- Processed, July 20, 2007, 6:34 pm, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19153
- Forwarded, July 20, 2007, 1:21 pm, BROOMALL, PA
- Undeliverable as Addressed, July 20, 2007, 11:36 am, BROOMALL, PA 19008
- Arrival at Unit, July 20, 2007, 8:17 am, BROOMALL, PA 19008
- Acceptance, July 19, 2007, 4:58 pm, NEW YORK, NY 10017

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## RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R §1.47(a)

Dear Sir:

This is a Renewed Petition under Rule 1.47(a) to allow two inventors to enter the U.S. national stage of an international application where the third inventor refuses to join in the national stage application and/or is unreachable. Pursuant to Rule 1.47(a), this Renewed Petition includes proof of the pertinent facts shown in the Statement enclosed herewith.

BACKGROUND

On July 26, 2007 a Petition Under 37 CFR §§1.497(b)(1) and 1.47(a) was submitted with, *inter alia*, a declaration signed by two of three inventors in the patent application referenced above.

On October 5, 2007 a Decision on Petition Under 37 CFR §1.47(a) was issued,

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stating that the July 26, 2007 Petition had been dismissed. The Decision on Petition maintains that Mr. Thibault, as of the filing date of the original Petition, had not received the July 19, 2007 letter; that sufficient time (e.g., two weeks) was not allotted for Mr. Thibault to return the documents contained in said mailing; and that a statement was not provided by someone with "firsthand knowledge" of the presentation of said documents.

#### REMARKS

The undersigned respectfully submits that the foregoing deficiencies are remedied by the enclosed statement of Alexandra B. Urban, and the accompanying tracking data indicating a delivery date for the July 19, 2007 letter to Mr. Thibault.

It is respectfully submitted that Mr. Thibault has been continually and consistently uncooperative over the prolonged period during which attempts were made to obtain his signature on Declaration and Assignment documents for the application referenced above. It is further submitted that any further attempts to provide additional complete copies of the application identified above and accompanying papers would continue to yield no positive outcome.

In compliance with Rule 1.47(a), this Petition states the last known address of the nonsigning inventor, Richard Thibault. The Statement attached herewith also states the last known address of the nonsigning inventor.

#### LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE NONSIGNING INVENTOR

Although it appears that Mr. Thibault may have moved to West Chester, PA, pursuant to

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Rule 1.47(a), the last known complete known address of Mr. Thibault is:

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52 Sonia Lane  
Broomall, PA 19008

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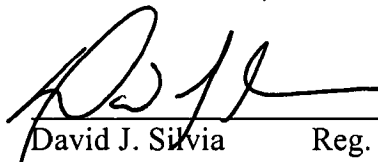
Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept the Declaration submitted on July 26, 2007 with the originally filed Petition, executed by the two remaining inventors on behalf of themselves and on behalf of Mr. Thibault, pursuant to Rules 1.47(a) and 1.497(b)(1). Applicants further respectfully request that the examination of the subject application commence promptly.

REQUIRED FEE

No fee is believed due for this submission. However, if for any reason a fee is required for the consideration of this Petition, or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. (52888) 67560, accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 10/19/2007



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